

FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS

Grant Grove Area

GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here you can see both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s.

INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-5pm through 10/27, then 9am-4:30pm. Exhibits & 15-minute movie in English and Spanish. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. Local wilderness permits issued until 1/2 hour before closing. 1-559-565-4307.

FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Daily 8am-2pm & 5-7pm (Fridays & Saturdays until 8pm).
- **Gift Shop, Market:** Daily 9am-7pm (Fridays & Saturdays until 8pm). Souvenirs, film, clothing, ATM. Market sells food and other supplies, sandwiches, bear canisters, emergency gas.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11.
- **Post Office:** Hours may change without notice. Monday-Friday 9am - 3:30 pm; Saturday 10 -noon. Lobby open 24 hours. Send mail for visitors to: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.
- **Pay Telephones:** Available 24 hours at Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door); & outside gift shop, market, & post office.

In the Kings Canyon

Highway 180 from Junction View into the canyon remains open until November 13, weather permitting.

CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir.

INFORMATION & CAMPING (NPS)

- **Cedar Grove Visitor Center:** Closed for the season. Check bulletin boards for information.
- **Wilderness permits:** Self register at Road's End, 6 miles (9.6 km) east of the village. See details about permits on page 4.
- **Camping (NPS):** Details on page 11.

FOOD, LODGING, SHOPS, & OTHER SERVICES (KCPS)

Last day for services - October 13.

- **Restaurant:** Counter-service meals (not a full-service restaurant). Weekdays 8am-10:30am & 5-7pm, Saturday/Sunday 8am-2pm & 5-7pm. Picnic supplies at market.
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Salads, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, souvenirs, film. Daily 8am-7pm.
- **Lodging:** Open daily (last night 10/13). Page 10 has details.
- **Showers & Laundry:** Daily 8am-1pm & 3-6pm. Last laundry load in by 1 hour before closing.
- **Picnicking & Horseback Riding:** See page 3 & the page-12 map.
- **Pay Telephones:** Outside visitor center & restaurant/market.

Fee Collection at Kings Canyon Visitor Center starting October 16th.

This fall, fee collection will be moved near the visitor center, so please stop there to pay. The Big Stump Picnic Area will reopen on 10/17. Until then, take your picnic basket to Columbine (or see the park map for other picnic areas). If you want to explore an area that was logged in the last century, try Converse Basin, north of Grant Grove in the National Forest.

USFS: National Forest & Monument

HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive between the park areas of Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2 for more on Parks and Forests). It was sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935. It is an excellent place to see sequoias recovering from intensive logging in the late 1800s.

PAY TELEPHONES

- **Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove:** Summer only at Stony Creek Resort & Big Meadows trailhead.
- **Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove:** Hume Lake (year round); Kings Canyon Resort (summer only).

INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon Park entrance at Big Stump. Weekdays 8am- 4:30pm. Maps & books sold. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Boyden Cavern:** Closes when road does on 11/13. On Hwy 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Cave tours on the hour Monday-Friday: 11am-4pm; weekends: 10am-5pm. \$11 ages 14 & up; \$6 ages 3-13; under 3 free. AAA discounts. 1-209-736-2708.
- **Stony Creek Village (FS):** Last night 10/9. On Generals Highway between Grant Grove & Lodgepole; . Lodging. Restaurant: 4-7pm (8pm Friday-Saturday). Market: 8am-7pm (8pm Saturday-Sunday). Showers: 9am-4pm. Gasoline 24 hours with credit card. 1-866-KCANYON; 1-559-565-3909.
- **Montecito Lake Resort (FS):** A permitted resort on public land open all year. On Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 7:30-9am, lunch 12- 1:30pm, dinner 5:30-7pm. Cabins, hotel, children's activities. 1-800-227-9900 or 559-565-3388.
- **Big Meadows Cabin - Historic guard station (FS):** Details page 10.
- **Hume Lake:** Private facilities open to public, 8 miles (13km) north of Grant Grove on Hwy 180 then 3 miles (5 km) south on Hume Lake Road. 24-hour laundry (coin operated) & gas station (with credit card). Market open daily 8am-5pm. Snack shop open on weekends, call ahead for hours of operation. 1-559-335-2000.

GASOLINE SALES

At Hume Lake, Stony Creek, and Kings Canyon Lodge. See page 5, *Rules of the Road - Finding Gasoline* for hours.

FREE NATURE PROGRAMS



**In the fall,
park rangers offer free walks and talks
on some weekends in Grant Grove.
Snowshoe walks start when the snow lies
deep enough.**

Check local bulletin boards and visitor centers for schedules.